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**ALEUTIAN ISLANDS DISTRICT
STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD A SEASON and PARALLEL SEASON CLOSURE
STATE-WATERS B SEASON OPENING ANNOUNCED
Emergency Order #4-GF-16-13**

The parallel Pacific cod fishery in state waters of the Aleutian Islands District west of 170° W long to 175° W long and from 178° W long to the western boundary of the Aleutian Islands District; and the state-waters Pacific cod A season in the Aleutian Islands District between 175° W long and 178° W long will close by regulation at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 2013.

The state-waters Pacific cod B season will open at 12:01 a.m., June 10, 2013, for all state waters west of 170° W long. The A season guideline harvest level (GHL) of 14,213,056 pounds is not anticipated to be reached by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 2013. The unharvested portion of the A season GHL will rollover to the B season. The 2013 Pacific cod B season GHL will be at least 9.5 million pounds.

Effective June 10, vessels participating in the state-waters Pacific cod B season using longline, pot, mechanical jig, or non-pelagic trawl gear are limited to a maximum of 60 feet overall length (OAL). Beginning August 1, pot vessels may be up to 125 feet OAL and all other allowable gear types may not exceed 60 feet OAL.

For further information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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